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3. Cited Information

Copies of foreign documents are enclosed.

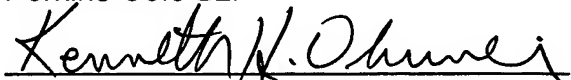
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